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6. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Toth of [redacted] contacted me regarding H. R. 4105, a bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act through control of material sent through the mails. The Agency has taken the position that this is an internal security matter on which we are not in a position to comment. The Department of State, however, has requested CIA support for their proposed amendment which they feel will lessen some of the difficulties in bringing certain periodicals and other material into the country for research purposes of an intelligence or scholarly nature. As there will be no action at this session on this legislation, I suggested that OCD discuss the matter with the Department of Commerce committee, of which we are a member, in order to ascertain the impact which this legislation might have on intelligence collection.

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